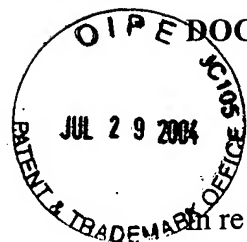


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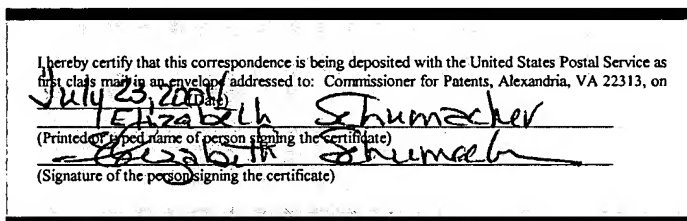
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For: SELECTION OF COORDINATION GEOMETRY TO ADJUST WATER EXCHANGE RATES OF PARAMAGNETIC METAL ION-BASED MACROCYCLIC CONTRAST AGENTS

Group No.: 1616

Examiner: Nwaonicha, C

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 121 AND  
ELECTION OF SPECIES UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.146

In response to the Official Action of June 23, 2004, Applicant hereby elects, without traverse,  
Claims 1-12, comprising Group I.

In response to the Official Action of June 23, 2004, the Applicants hereby provisionally elects, without traverse, a species of (2S) 2-p-nitrobenzyl- (1S, 4S, 7S, 10S)-a, a', a'', a'''-tetramethyl-1,4,7,10-tetrazacyclododecane-1,4,7,10 tetraacetic acid.

For the Examiner's edification, this species corresponds to the compound abbreviated as S-SSSS-NO<sub>2</sub>BnDOTMA and depicted in paragraph [0050] of the application. Claim 9 is readable on the elected species.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at (972) 480-8800 if it would expedite the prosecution of the present application.

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